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Most of the secret documents which had been in the custody of this section were burened from bottle damage that occurred on May 25, 1945, and accordingly, only a few of them are left. Concerning "the written memorials entitled 'Basic Draft of Emergency Measures' which War Minister ARAKI presented to Prime Minister SAITO on January 20, 1934, and for which you referred to us, utmost efforts have been made in searching for it but they have not been found among those documents that have been preserved. Please understand the above circumstances.

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